

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF NEW ZEALAND  
WELLINGTON REGISTRY**

**I TE KŌTI MATUA O AOTEAROA  
TE WHANGANUI-Ā-TARA ROHE**

**CIV-2017-485-273  
CIV-2017-485-214  
CIV-2017-485-261  
CIV-2017-485-254  
CIV-2017-485-260  
CIV-2017-485-211  
CIV-2017-485-248  
CIV-2017-485-229  
CIV-2017-485-183  
CIV-2017-485-301  
CIV-2017-485-511  
CIV-2017-485-160  
CIV-2017-485-258  
CIV-2017-485-365  
CIV-2017-485-266  
CIV-2017-485-251  
CIV-2017-485-172  
CIV-2017-485-167  
CIV-2017-485-280**

**Group N**

UNDER the Marine and Coastal Area  
(Takutai Moana) Act 2011

IN THE MATTER OF an application for orders recognising  
Customary Marine Title and Protected  
Customary Rights

On the papers:

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(CIV-2017-485-273)  
C Beaumont for David Morgan Whānau (CIV-2017-485-214)  
T Bennion for Muaūpoko Tribal Authority Incorporated (CIV-2017-485-261)  
L Black for Te Patutokotoko (CIV-2017-485-254)  
M Houra for Te Ātiawa Iwi (CIV-2017-485-260)  
N Coates and L Underhill-Sem for Tupoki Takarangī Trust  
(CIV-2017-485-211)  
M Piripi for Trustees of Te Kaahui o Rauru Trust (CIV-2017-485-183)  
J Ferguson for Te Awa Tupua and Ngā Hapū me ngā uri o te iwi o Whanganui  
(CIV-2017-485-301)  
Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa (self represented) (CIV-2017-485-511)  
D Naden, M Yogakumar and M Sreen for Muaūpoko Iwi (CIV-2017-485-160)  
D Edmunds for McGee Whānau (CIV-2017-485-258)

M Houra for Te Atiawa o Te Waka-a-Maui (CIV-2017-485-365)  
J Appleyard for Ngāi Tū-āhu-riri (CIV-2017-485-266)  
M Radich and S Wadworth for Rangitane o Wairau (CIV-2017-485-251)  
T Bennion for Tahuaroa-Watson Whānau (CIV-2017-485-172)  
T Castle for Rūnanga o Rangitane o Kaituna (CIV-2017-485-167)  
R Brown and G Dawson for Ngāi Tahu Whānui (CIV-2017-485-280)  
G Melvin for Attorney-General

Minute: 10 November 2022

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### MINUTE (NO 3) OF CHURCHMAN J

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[1] In a minute dated 14 September 2022, I directed the registrar to investigate the possibility of allocating an eight-week hearing for the Group N Stage 1(b) hearing, on the next available date after 7 October 2024. I noted also that if the potentially affected South Island applicants chose not to participate in the Stage 1(b) hearing, the hearing length would be able to be substantially reduced.

[2] I have now been informed by the Registrar that an eight-week period is available from 7 October 2024 to 29 November 2024. It follows that a timetable for both the Stage 1(a) and Stage 1(b) hearings can be settled. I confirm the following timetable for each hearing:

To be filed	Stage 1(a) dates	Stage 1(b) dates
<b>Submissions on Pūkenga appointment</b> (56 weeks before hearing)	11 April 2023	11 September 2023
<b>Applicants file their evidence</b> (29 weeks before hearing)	16 October 2023	18 March 2024
<b>Joint mapping project filed</b> (29 weeks before hearing)	16 October 2023	18 March 2024
<b>Interested parties, other than the Attorney-General, file their evidence</b> (16 weeks before hearing)	15 January 2024	17 June 2024
<b>Attorney-General files evidence</b> (12 weeks before hearing)	12 February 2024	15 July 2024
<b>Close of pleadings date</b> (nine weeks before hearing)	4 March 2024	5 August 2024
<b>Applicants' evidence in reply to be filed</b> (eight weeks before hearing)	11 March 2024	12 August 2024

<b>Interested parties' file submissions and bundles of authorities</b> (two weeks before hearing)	22 April 2024	23 September 2024
<b>Attorney-General files submissions and bundles of authorities</b> (two weeks before hearing)	22 April 2024	23 September 2024
<b>Applicants' file opening submissions, statement of agreed facts, and bundles of authorities</b> (two weeks before hearing)	22 April 2024	23 September 2024
<b>Draft joint hearing timetable for Stage 1(b) to be filed</b> (filed by counsel to assist Court, noting that the Court will regulate its own timetable) (two weeks before hearing)	22 April 2024	23 September 2024
<b>Stage 1 Hearing Begins</b>	6 May 2024	7 October 2024
<b>Stage 1 Hearing Ends</b>	Thurs 27 June 2024 (Matariki is Friday 28 June 2024)	29 November 2024
<b>Stage 2 Hearing Begins</b> (Stage 2 hearing in respect of the two Group N hearings to confirm terms of any orders granted)	TBC	TBC

[3] To my knowledge, no further progress has been made regarding the seaward boundary for the Stage 1(b) hearing. That is a matter that should be addressed by counsel as part of CMCs scheduled for 2023.

**Churchman J**